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## **THE SAGA OF NOMI SUNRIDER**

Following the tragic death of Jedi Knight Andur Sunrider, Nomi Sunrider and her daughter *Vima* meet Master Thon, an armor-plated creature of savage visage...and great wisdom.

On Thon's arid world, Nomi and little Vima encounter dark side dragons. As the baleful entities attack, Nomi is forced to use her undeveloped power of Jedi Battle Meditation to rescue her child.

When Thon's apprentice Oss Wilum is called to join battles with the dark side far across the galaxy, Nomi Sunrider is left behind to begin her Jedi training with the fearsome Master Thon.

Meanwhile, a space pirate named Finhead Stonebone hijacks an Ithullian ore hauler and incurs the wrath of Great Bogga, the reigning crimelord of the Stenness system...and the very Hutt who murdered Andur Sunrider.

Captured by Bogga's ruthless enforcers, Stonebone and crew are dragged before the Hutt for punishment.







NOW WILL YOU  
ASSIST GREAT BOGGA IN  
FINDING HIS ADEGAN  
CRYSTALS?

GREAT  
BOGGA IS  
POWERFUL AND  
ADMIRRED BY  
EVERYONE!



--FINHEAD  
STONEBONE,  
THE LOWEST  
OF THIEVES,  
WILL DO THE  
WILL OF THE  
POWERFUL  
HUTTS!

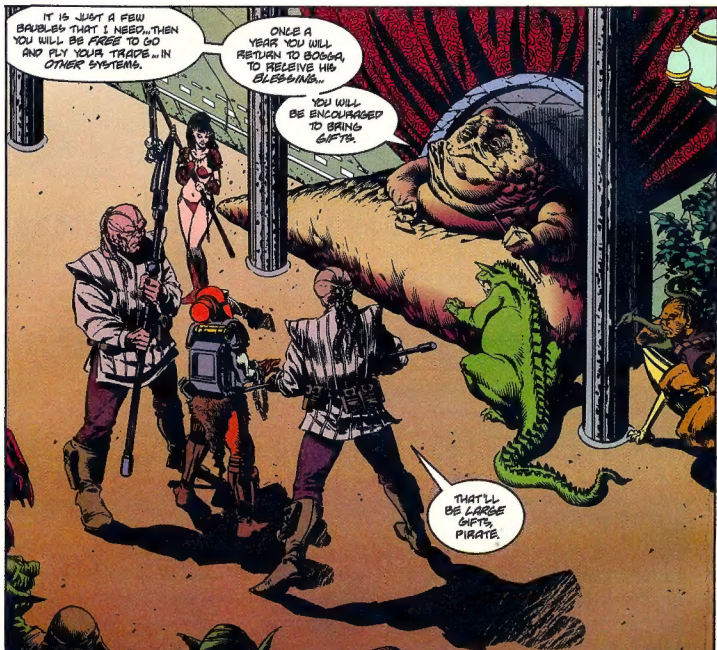
I AM  
Pleased THAT  
YOU HAVE LEARNED  
RESPECT.

BUT I DON'T  
ASK YOU TO DO THE  
WILL OF ALL HUTTS--  
ONLY THE WILL  
OF BOGGA.

SOME OF US ARE KNOWN  
TO BE CRUEL... BUT ASK ANYONE WHO  
SERVES BOGGA...

BOGGA IS  
GENTLE... AND KIND TO  
THOSE WHO OBEY  
HIM.





**Q** T THAT VERY MOMENT, AMIDST THE EXOTIC TERRAIN OF AMERIA, JEDI MASTER THON IS BEGINNING NOHI SUNKIDER'S JEDI TRAINING.

NIHOK CHN  
LEHT KRP, GU  
BIPNING SHN FENO  
KO FHUAK.

GO J'DI  
LEKRN SA TU NAF  
ELUN OA.\*

"IT IS NOT SIMPLY ENOUGH TO KNOW THE LIGHT... A JEDI MUST FEEL THE TENSION BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES OF THE FORCE... IN HIMSELF AND IN THE UNIVERSE."

THE DARK SIDE  
CHALLENGES US... IT  
TESTS US.

IT FORCES US  
TO REACH BEYOND  
OURSELVES... AS YOU DID  
TODAY WHEN YOU  
RESCUED YOUR  
CHILD.

OH  
WILLUM  
TOLD ME THAT  
YOU CHOSE THIS  
WORLD BECAUSE  
THE DARK SIDE  
DWELLS  
HERE.

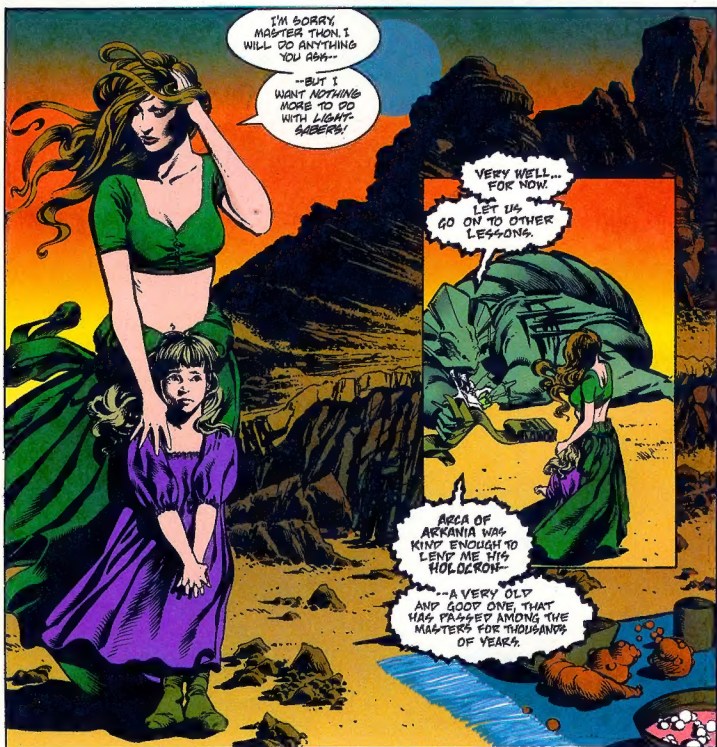
YES, THERE  
WAS A GREAT  
DARKNESS HERE.  
I PROVE IT  
BACK... INTO THIS  
LAKE.

LET'S  
STOP NOW.  
THIS IS A GOOD  
SPOT TO REST  
AND EAT.















'EVIL BEGAN IN A TIME BEFORE RECORDED HISTORY, WHEN MAGICIANS MADE THEMSELVES INTO KINGS... AND GODS... USING THE POWERS OF THE DARK SIDE OF THE FORCE.

"THE WEAK-MINDED HAVE EVER BEEN READY TO OBEY ONE WHO WIELDS GREAT POWER.

"THOSE WHO LEARNED THE POWERS OF THE DARK SIDE WERE QUICK TO EXPLOIT THIS WEAKNESS--

"--TO MAKE WAR.

"AGAIN AND AGAIN THE DARK SIDE HAS SURGED FORTH, LIKE A STORM... DEVOURING WHOLE WORLDS AND ENTIRE STAR SYSTEMS.



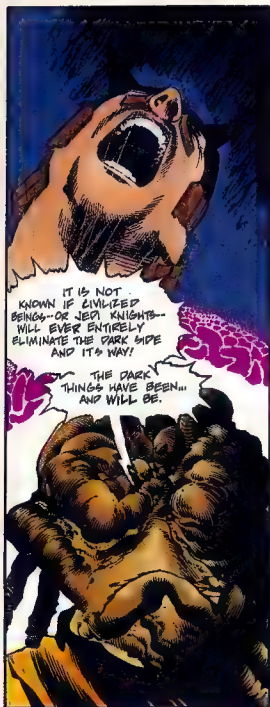
"THOSE WHO MASTERED DARK POWER  
BECAME DARK POWER.

"THEY UNLEASHED DESTRUCTION,  
FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN  
SELFISH GAIN.

"THEY DESPOILED NATIONS...DESTROYED  
WHOLE CIVILIZATIONS.

"SOME OF THEM, I AM ASHAMED  
TO SAY, WERE JEDI."







NOW THA YOU  
SEET MY FRIEND  
MASTER ODO  
AGREES WITH  
ME!



NOW YOU  
BROUGHT ME A  
GIFT. AND I HAVE  
A GIFT FOR  
YOU.

THIS IS MY OWN  
LIGHTSABER, WITH WHICH I TRAINED  
UNDER MY MASTER.

HERE...TAKE IT.  
IT RIGHTFULLY BELONGS  
TO MY GREATEST  
APPRENTICE.



AS HER EYES FALL ON THE  
JEDI WEAPON, POWERFUL  
EMOTIONS GRIP NOMI  
SUNRIDER.

THE HOLOCRON'S IMAGES ARE REPLACED BY THE  
MEMORY OF HER DYING HUSBAND ANDRU...AND THE  
DEATHS SHE CAUSED USING ANDRU'S LIGHTSABER.

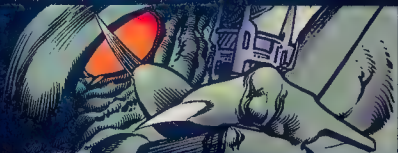
OVERWHELMED, SHE TURNS HER BACK  
ON THE ALIEN JEDI MASTER.

SHE WILL LEAVE THIS TERRIBLE PLACE...SHE WILL RETURN  
TO HER HOMELAND AND BEGIN LIFE ANEW.


MASTER THON SEEMS TO  
KNOW HER THOUGHTS...

NORTH, I WILL TELL YOU  
THIS, NOMI SUNRIDER, THERE IS NO  
GOING BACK FOR YOU.

THERE IS  
GOING FORWARD, OR THERE  
IS DARKNESS.







THON'S SOLEMN WARNING SENDS  
A SHUDDER OF DREAD THROUGH  
NOW... AND MASTER OOD'S  
ASTOUNDING PROPHECY ECHOES  
AND RE-ECHOES IN HER HEART.

DESPERATELY,  
SHE STRUGGLES  
AGAINST THE  
THOUGHT THAT  
SHE MUST PLAY  
A PART IN  
GALACTIC  
BATTLES TO  
COME.

AT THAT MOMENT, EVENTS ARE  
CONSPIRING TO PUSH HER  
INNER CONFLICT TO A  
RESOLUTION.

PIRATES--AND ARMY ENFORCERS--  
ARE APPROACHING THON'S WORLD  
ON A MISSION OF MORTAL VIOLENCE.



**D**ARKING THEIR MARAUDER SHIPS IN LOW ORBIT, THE SPACE PIRATES LAUNCH ARMORED SKIFFS OVER MASTER THON'S DOMAIN--

NORTH ENEMIES!

I WAS WONDERING HOW I COULD TRICK YOU INTO BEGINNING THE LIGHTSABER TRAINING.

IT LOOKS LIKE MY ENEMIES ARE ABOUT TO PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY!

GET ON MY BACK!

N-NO!

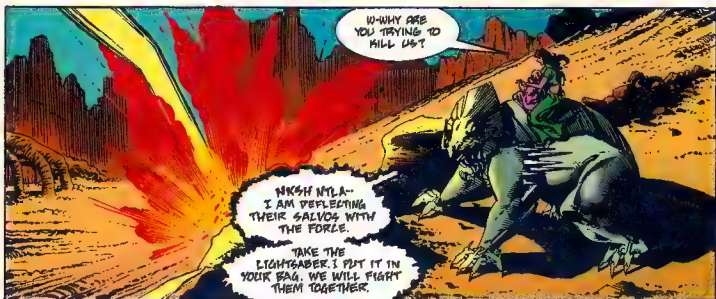
**M**ASTER THON'S COMMANDS RESONATES WITH COMPELLING FORCE.

FEELING HER RESISTANCE MYSTERIOUSLY DISSOLVE, NAMI LUNARIPER FINDS HERSELF CHARGING ACROSS THE ALIEN LANDSCAPE!

GET ON MY BACK.

**M**EANWHILE, CIRCLING THON'S RUINED PALACE, THE PIRATES AND MUTT ENFORCERS ANNOUNCE THEIR PRESENCE--

OH... THIS IS TERRIBLE! THEY'VE PROBABLY KILLED MISTRESS AND THE CHILD!







IGNORING NOMI'S PROTESTS, THEN RUSHES HEAD-ON TOWARD THE MURDEROUS PIRATES!

TERRIFIED NOMI PREPARED TO LEAP WITH VIMA FROM THE BACK OF THE CHARGING BEAST--



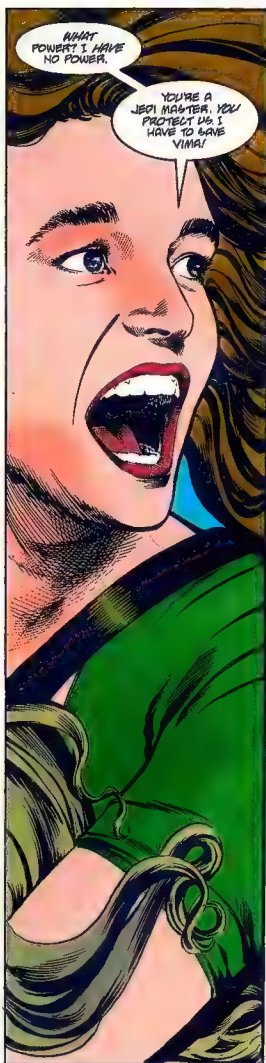
HOLD YOUR FIRE, MEN! THE HERD ANIMAL'S READY TO SURRENDER AND GIVE US THE CRYSTAL!

YOU DON'T KNOW THIS JEDI, STONEBONE. I SAY KEEP BLASTIN'!

NOW-- A WARRIOR'S TEST!

IF YOU WON'T USE THE LIGHTSABER... THEN USE YOUR JEDI POWER... AS YOU DID TO PROTECT YOUR DAUGHTER!

Y-YOU'RE MAD!



WHAT POWER? I HAVE NO POWER.

YOU'RE A JEDI MASTER. YOU PROTECT US. I HAVE TO SAVE VIMA!



WE'RE  
GETTING OUT OF HERE,  
THREEDEE.

IS THE  
LIGHTSABRE  
EXPLORER  
READY?

YES, MISTRESS. THE  
DAMAGE TO THE HATCH HAS  
BEEN REPAIRED.

BUT THE SPACE  
PIRATES ARE BETWEEN US  
AND THE SHIP!



LOOK--THEY'RE  
TAKING MASTER THON  
PRISONER.

HE'S  
GIVING UP WITHOUT  
A FIGHT!

SEEING MASTER THON SURRENDER  
TO HIS ENEMIES, NOMI FEELS A  
SUDDEN PANG OF REMORSE...

ANOTHER JEDI KNIGHT IS ABOUT TO FALL...  
AND ONCE AGAIN THERE IS NOTHING SHE  
CAN DO TO PREVENT IT--

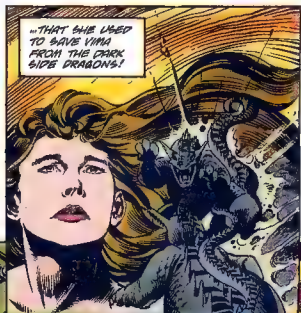
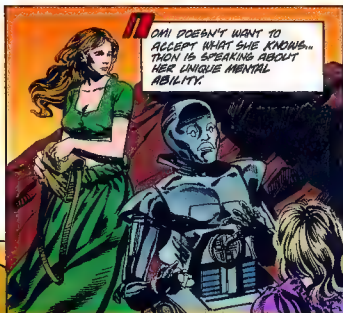
THEN IN HER MIND NOMI  
SUNRISE HEARS THON'S  
FINAL ADMONITION--

-- IF YOU WILL NOT USE  
THE LIGHTSABRE... THEN  
USE YOUR JEDI POWER

--WHAT DID HE MEAN?

--WHAT JEDI POWER?







AT THAT MOMENT NAMI BLAIRIDER  
IS TURNING HER THOUGHTS  
INWARD TO THE FORCE--

THE FORCE THAT BINDS ALL  
THINGS TOGETHER.

THE FORCE THAT CAN  
INFLUENCE THE MIND.

BY VISUALIZING THE  
DESIRED OUTCOME OF  
A BATTLE, A JEDI CAN  
SHAPE THE FIELD OF  
FORCE THAT  
SURROUNDS EVENTS.



I'M IN CHARGE OF  
THIS MISSION! HAND OVER  
THE CRYSTALS!

GIVE 'EM TO  
FINN! I'LL GUARD 'EM  
FOR THE HUT. I'M THE  
STRATEGIST!

GET  
BACK, ALL  
OF YOU. I  
WORK FOR GREAT  
BOGGA. YOU'RE  
ONLY PIRATE  
SCUM!



THE SLUG  
ASKED ME TO SNATCH  
THE CRYSTALS, NOT  
YOU.

HAND  
'EM OVER,  
NIKKO--

I'LL TAKE  
THE CRYSTALS TO  
BOGGA. OR MAYBE  
I'LL DECIDE TO  
KEEP 'EM FOR  
MYSELF!



FINN!  
WHA--

SORRY, CAPT--  
THE CRYSTALS BELONG  
TO THE ZEXX!

NE VUTA!  
YOU'LL PAY FOR  
THIS!

ENFORCERS!  
GUAH! THESE  
MAGGOTS!



ONE OF THE VILLAINS HAVE THE SLIGHTEST INKLING THAT THEIR VIOLENT EMOTIONS ARE BEING INFLUENCED BY NOMI'S FORCE POWERS---

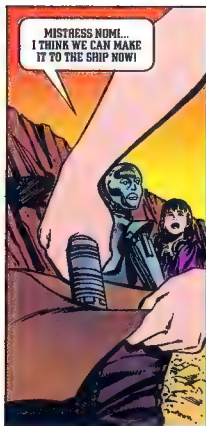
BLACK-HEARTED GANGSTERS ARE EASILY MOVED TO TURN ON EACH OTHER--THE PIRATE CREW EVEN FORGET ITS DUTY TO CAPTAIN FINHEAD STONEBONE!



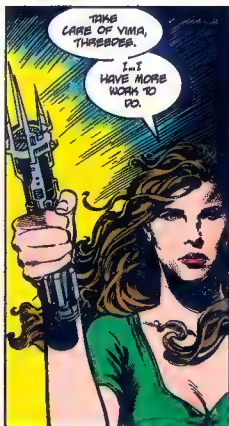
BUT THEN KNOWS HIS APPRENTICE HAS FOUND HER TRUE CALLING.

NO TZHA.  
GO AHEAD  
MANACE  
ME.

A  
JEVI WILL  
FREE ME.



MISTRESS NOMI...  
I THINK WE CAN MAKE  
IT TO THE SHIP NOW!



TAKING  
CARE OF VIMA,  
THREBBES.

I-I  
HAVE MORE  
WORK TO  
DO.







**S** NAMI CONFRONTS THE ENRAGED MOB, THE PIRATES AND ENFORCERS DIRECT THEIR WRATH AGAINST HER--

SHE'S TRYIN' TO FREE THE BEAST!

NO--SHE'S AFTER THE CRYSTAL!

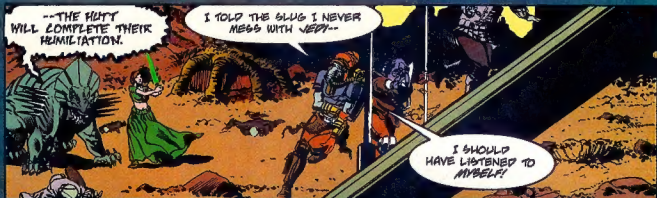
SHE'S ANOTHER VEST--WILL HER!

**S** SECONDS LATER NAMI'S LIGHTBLADE SLICES MANDALORIAN MANACLES--

NORTH JEO!







**E**ACH JEDI MASTER HAS A UNIQUE WAY OF TEACHING. TION'S FAVORED METHOD IS TO CONFRONT EVIL DIRECTLY--



NATH.  
NO ONE WANTS  
ENEMIES.

BUT ENEMIES  
CAN BE USEFUL. THEY  
FORCE US TO REACH  
BEYOND OURSELVES... TO  
FIND COURAGE.





**A** NIGHT SETTLES OVER AMBRIA. A WARM GLOW EMANATES FROM THE BARREN LANDSCAPE.

...A CLOUD OF FIRELIGHT... AND AN INVISIBLE RADIANCE OF THE FORCE.



THE HOLOGRAM TELLS ME THAT YOU WILL BE A GREAT JEDI BUT I ALREADY KNEW THAT.

YOU USED YOUR JEDI POWER WELL.

I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU, MASTER THON.

I FELT AN ADDED STRENGTH OF THE FORCE—MUCH GREATER THAN BEFORE.



I'M SURE YOU WERE DOING SOMETHING TO HELP ME.



NORTH, I DID NOTHING.

I LEFT YOU ENTIRELY TO YOUR OWN DEVICES!



**D**ECISION MADE...A BATTLE JOINED... WITH NO RESOURSE EXCEPT COURAGE... AND NO CHOICE EXCEPT A LIFE THAT IS BECKONING FROM THE FUTURE.

NOW! SUNRIDER KNOWS THE FUTURE WILL NOT BE DARK.

INDEED, IT WILL BE A TIME OF GREAT UNKNOWN AND GREAT STRUGGLES AGAINST THE VERY DARKNESS THAT WOULD SWIFT OUT THE LIGHT OF THE JEDI.

TO BE CONTINUED IN TALES OF THE JEDI: THE FREEDON NADD UPRISING